

TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY



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Dear Parents and Carers,

“Born in a Barn” with the Chairman of BANES Council



Mr Ian Gilchrist, Councillor and Chairman of BANES Council, attended the morning performance of the Nativity show “Born in a Barn”. The show was a huge success and clearly demonstrated the fantastic teamwork and commitment of the children. Mr Gilchrist was very complimentary about the children’s singing and acting.

Keeping Contact Details Up-to-Date

If your contact details change, because you move house/flat, or you change your phone number, please remember to let the office know. Recently, we have had difficulty contacting a number of parents and this could be problematic in the event of an emergency.



School Day & Timings

The school opens at 8.45am and registration is between 9.00am and 9.05am. After 9.05am, any children arriving at school need to be signed in at the school office in the Late Book (AM).



The end of the school day is at 3.00pm and children should be collected promptly from school at this time. After school, teachers regularly attend meetings and there is the ongoing responsibility of marking children’s books, recording assessments and planning lessons. If you are unexpectedly running late at the end of the school day, please do contact the school office to let us know. We understand that there are occasional delays that that are out of your control, but we greatly appreciate the effort that parents make to collect their children on time. If you are late you will be politely asked to sign the Late Book (PM).

Applying for Schools

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 he/she is able to start school in

September 2016. If you would like a place in one of our Outstanding Reception

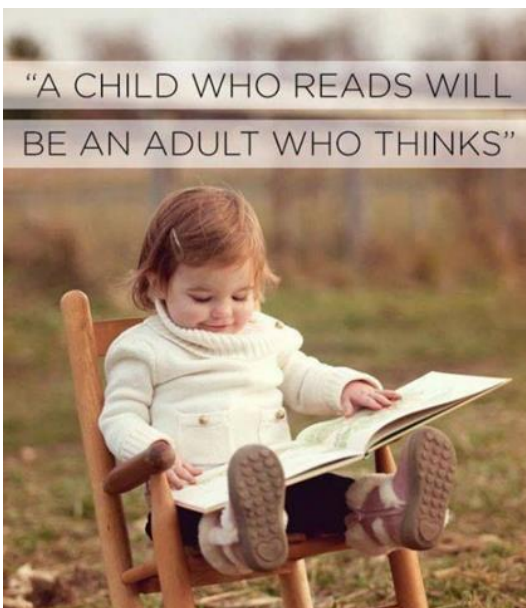
classes then you need to apply by January 15th 2016. The application process is online through the BANES website. **This next year we are**

expecting both Reception classes to be full, so please don't miss out on a place in school by missing the deadline.

Similarly, if you have a child in Year 2 you need to apply for a Year 3 place in a school for September 2016. The deadline for applying for a place in KS2 is also January 15th 2016.



Can you spare 1 hour a week to listen to children read in school?



We are keen to recruit a team of parents (and grandparents) to listen to children reading, in the classrooms, between 2.00pm and 3.00pm on one afternoon each week. We will be providing some simple training and we can offer a range of biscuits (occasionally jammy-dodgers) to keep up the energy levels.

If you think you might be interested, please mention it to your child's teacher or to Mr Samios.

Thursday 7th January – **Workshop for Reading Volunteers**

Mr Samios and Mrs Kinnear will run an introductory workshop for volunteers who are going to listen to children read. This will start at 2.00pm and run until 2.50pm, finishing in time for you to pick up your children from school.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 17th December – 3.15pm to 5.15pm **Twerton** Festive Windows Workshop in School Hall (bring along your bicycle to decorate ready for the parade around the windows on Friday 18th December)

Friday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day & End of Term 2

Monday 4th January 2016 – INSET Day – Training for Teachers.

Tuesday 5th January 2016 – First day back at school for children.

Thursday 7th January – 2.00pm Workshop for Reading Volunteers.

Please Keep in Touch

If your child is unwell and is not able to attend school, you can send the school a text message to let us know and to explain the reason for their absence.



The number to text the school is: **07860 030358**

Office telephone number: **01225 423526**

Please remember that it is your responsibility to contact the school when your child is not able to attend school.

Wishing You All a Merry Christmas

Farewell 2015! It has been a very successful year in the life of Twerton Infant School & Nursery. There have been many positives, including the fantastic outcome from our Ofsted Inspection in May (in-case you forgot, we are **Outstanding** in Early Years and **Good** overall). We are now determined to be Outstanding across the whole school and to provide the very best early educational experience (from age 2 to 7) that we possibly can. Fortunately, we have brilliant and highly motivated members of staff, who are gelling into a phenomenal team. The future is bright.

We wish you a very festive, fun and hopefully restful Christmas Holiday.
Best Wishes from,

Mr Samios & Everyone at the school and both nurseries.

